A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Members Silvia offered a prayer and Council Member Balls led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Monique Silvia, Michael Balls, Annie Boensch, William Ostash, Priscilla Garcia, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 7. Council Members absent: Reggie Williams, Michael Flores: 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos made the announcement that Consumers Energy has scheduled a power outage for February 4 beginning at 10:00 p.m. lasting up to 10 hours. The power outage will be in the downtown area along S. Franklin Street between Janes and Federal Avenues. No traffic disruptions are expected and everyone is reminded to exercise extreme caution for your safety and that of the crew members working.

Council Member Flores entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Clerk Santos invited Chief Ruth to come forward. Chief Ruth introduced newly hired Police Officer Asia Greene. Clerk Santos administered the oath of office and Officer Greene's father pinned on her badge. Chief Ruth introduced several newly hired officers that had previously taken their oath.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding a request for an obsolete property rehabilitation district at 1315 N. 5th Avenue. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Tarsha Works, the applicant, spoke on the project and its potential economic impact. Mayor Moore again called for public comment. Tom Miller, of Saginaw Future, spoke in favor of the project. Mayor Moore called for public comment. No further comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to close the public hearing. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Audrey Beatty.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Audrey Beatty by 45 seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Denita Dorsey, Eric Eggleston, Julian Morris, Christina Jones, and Anganetta Ervin.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Anganetta Ervin by 45 seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with FreddieRika Prince, and Saleem Mannan.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Copeland to extend the time for Saleem Mannan by 45 seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Lisa Purchase-Kelly.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Lisa Purchase-Kelly by 45 seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Chris Pryor, and Alex Mixter.

Council Member Flores left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:28 p.m.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Copeland, Silvia, Balls, Ostash, Garcia, Flores, Boensch, and Moore.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Tim Morales reported updates regarding various projects.

Council Member Copeland left the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. Exceptions were made to items 7 and 13. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the January 13, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

2. Approve the filing of the 2023 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, and that City Council call a public hearing to be held on February 20, 2023.

3. Approve the insurance policy renewal with Chubb Insurance Company; Hanover Insurance Group; Cincinnati Insurance Company; and Scottsdale Insurance Company effective February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024, for a total of $479,067. Further, recommend that I, or my designee, be allowed to make adjustments to said policies, as necessary throughout the policy term, in removing and/or adding coverage on equipment, machinery and buildings, as the City acquires and/or disposes of same.

4. Approve the amendments to the FY 2023 Approved Budget to recognize changes that have occurred during the December period.

5. Approve the revised guidelines for applicants requesting Poverty Exemptions.

6. Approve the purchase with Kent Communications, Inc. for $2,550 for the printing and mailing of Notices of Assessment for FY 2023; and pending budget approval for FY 2024 and FY 2025, for the Fiscal Services Department, Assessing Division.

7. Approve the waiver of the sensitive use distance requirement for a proposed marihuana retail establishment at 1030 Gratiot and authorize the Mayor to execute a letter reflecting the same.

8. Approve the purchase with Great Lakes Elevator for $2,385 for a low profile scavenger pump for the Public Services Department, Facilities Division.

9. Approve the purchase with Hoffman's Power Equipment for $10,472 for a hurricane blow vac for the Public Services Department, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Division. Further, recommend the acceptance of a $4,000 trade-in credit for three mowers no longer in operation.

10. Approve the purchase with MTech, The Safety Company for $277,638 for two 2022 Xtreme Vac self-contained trailer debris collectors for the Public Services Department, Streets Division. Further, recommend the acceptance of a $25,000 trade-in credit for a 2014 Global model M3 street sweeper.

11. Approve to increase the blanket purchase order with Meekhof Tire Sales by $15,000, for a new total of $41,500, for vehicle parts for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.

12. Approve to increase the blanket purchase orders with specified vendors by $40,000 for a new total of $78,500, for vehicle repair services for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.

13. Approve the trade-in of one 2022 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck to McDonald Ford for $29,950. Further, approve the purchase with McDonald Ford for one 2023 Ford F-250 for $30,800 through the Municipal Vehicle Buy-Back Program; and pending budget approval for FY 2024 through FY 2026 for the Police Department.

14. Approve the purchase with Michigan CAT for $6,609 for two ditch buckets, as specified, for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.

15. Approve the proposal from Spicer Group for $216,660 for construction administration and inspection services for the Lead Service Line Replacement project for FY 2023; and pending budget approval for FY 2024 and $216,680 for FY 2025 for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.

16. Approve the purchase with West Shore Services, Inc., a sole source, for $2,145 for a radio replacement at the Saginaw County 911 Communications Center, 618 Cass St., for the Public Services Department, Traffic Engineering Division.

17. Ratification of a purchase with Hodges Heating and Cooling, LLC for $2,575 for the furnace repair at the Traffic Engineering Building, 1741 S. Jefferson Ave. for the Public Services Department, Traffic Engineering Division.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Ostash to approve consent agenda item #7 as presented. Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Flores to call for the question. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Balls, Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Flores, Copeland, Moore
Nays: Silvia
Absent: Williams
Motion approved.

Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote on the main motion.
Ayes: Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Moore
Nays: Silvia, Balls, Flores, Copeland
Absent: Williams
Motion denied via tie vote.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to approve consent agenda item #13 as presented. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council Member Silvia left the meeting at 8:29 p.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Boensch reported that the City/County/School Liaison Committee met and discussed ARPA Funding collaborative efforts and revisited the $5,000 allocation for each unit to contribute for publications.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Balls to approve the following appointments:

1. the Manager's reappointment of Thomas Basil to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire December 31, 2026.
2. the Manager's reappointment of Todd Gregory to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire December 31, 2026.
3. the Manager's reappointment of Dennis Whalen to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire December 31, 2026.

8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to adopt the resolution establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 1315 N. 5th Avenue. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Moore explained that the vote was inadvertently missed from the January 13 regular meeting and that an amendment was approved on the main motion. Therefore, the motion as amended remains before the Council as follows:

“Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Williams to allocate ARPA funds to the Saginaw Public Libraries in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00, as amended to include all stipulations and conditions as required.” Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Flores to call for the question. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore called for the vote on the main motion. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Moore announced that the State of the City address will be held February 2 at the DOW Event Center beginning at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk

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